RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The principle kept in view is to give, as far as possible, fair representation to the communities unrepresented by the elections.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): As between those communities, is there any preference given to particular communities?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is all the principle the Government have in view. As far as possible, those communities which are least represented will be given representation.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know what sort of representation is given to communities which do not get any representation whatsoever even at the same time?

RAO SAHIB DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): We take them by rotation, first one community, then another and so on.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether, there is any rule as to the rank in the course of rotation?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. (Chief Secretary to Government*): Government decide each case on its merits.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the depressed classes are given adequate representation in Municipal Councils?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): As far as possible, they are.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are too late.

Muslim Graduate applicants for appointment in the Education Department.

49. ***MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of graduate Muhammedans who have applied for appointment in the Education Department during the past five years?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Thirty

Opening of the Chauganacherry Allppey Canal

41. **MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what sum has been spent upon the Changanachery-Alleppey canal;

(*b*) how much more will be required to complete it;

(*c*) when the work was begun;

(*d*) when the work was stopped;

(*e*) why the work was stopped; and

(*f*) whether the Government have altogether abandoned the scheme?

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MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) A sum of Rs. 4715-0-6 has been spent.

(*b*) About Rs. 25,000 more will be required to complete the canal excluding the value of the Kandukrishi lands.

(*c*) The work was started in 1103.

(*d*) The work was stopped in 1106.

(*e*) The work was stopped since the interested ryots were not willing to surrender the lands required free of cost, and also in view of the general economic depression.

(*f*) No.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know whether there was a previous promise on the part of the owners that the lands would be surrendered free ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I do not catch the point.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know whether the ryots had undertaken to give the lands free before the beginning of the canal work ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I am not aware.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): With reference to answer to part (*e*), the member said that the ryots were not willing to keep their promise. May I know whether—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Do not say like that. You may merely put your question.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): With reference to answer to part (*e*), there are two parts. The first part of the answer says that the royts did not keep their promise. I want to know whether the ryots failed to keep their promise before the work was begun ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Sir, the member himself says that there was a promise.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: He claims notice and you cannot question his right.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Can a member claim notice for a notified question ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: He claims notice and there is an end of the matter. The procedure is that, if any member wants any further information, he should raise the question on a future occasion.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the ryots objected to the surrender of the lands free of cost after the sum of Rs. 4 715 was already spent ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): The estimate was divided into three sections and money was spent on a section where the land was available. In the other sections the land-owners were not willing to give their lands free of compensation, and so the work had to be dropped.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the amount of Rs. 4,000 was spent on that section in which land was obtained free of compensation ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : Yes, in that portion land was available.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : In that case, was there any surrendering of lands free of cost ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : I have no information on that point.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know why the scheme was begun without taking possession of the whole land in possession of the department ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : I claim notice.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : With reference to answer to part (*f*), may I know the conditions under which the question will be taken up once again ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : The condition under which the work will be taken up is when the people will surrender the whole land required for the canal free of cost. When the Government found that interested ryots were not willing to surrender their lands free of cost, they said that the matter must lie over for the present, and reconsidered when the necessary lands and funds are available.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know from the member whether the Government consider that work as one of the urgent works in North Travancore ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : No, that is a matter of opinion. If the people are not anxious to surrender their lands, we cannot say that the work is an urgent one.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : Do *Government* consider it as an urgent matter ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : He began his answer by saying "No."

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Was it the intention of Government to complete the whole work of Sections A, B and C, when they started the work ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : Yes.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : May I take it that the Government thought that the whole work will not be of any practical use to the people if the whole work is not completed or whether the completion of Section A will be useful to some people, Section B to some other people and Section C to the rest ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : I claim notice. I have not got any information.

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MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether the sum of Rs. 4,000 already spent has brought any benefit to the public?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Speaking on my own behalf, I may say that I have not inspected the place.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The member need not answer on his own behalf. He may answer on behalf of Government, if he is in a position to do so.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Then I claim notice.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Was any undertaking taken from the people that the lands will be given free of cost before the work was begun?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Sir, that question has already been answered.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Not in that form.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether Government had taken any undertaking from the ryots that the lands would be surrendered free of cost before they began to invest public funds?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether Government thought that they would be investing no additional funds without the lands being surrendered free of cost by the people, or was it an undertaking started by Government in the hope that the Government would defray all the land acquisition charges and complete the work?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Sir, this is a matter of long standing, and I have been looking through a long list of files and yet I have not got any information.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Am I to take it that he claims notice?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know when the question of the surrender of the land was first considered by Government?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): വെട്ടിയിടത്തോളമുള്ള തോട് ഇപ്പോൾ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റെ അധീനത്തിലിരിക്കുന്നോ അതല്ല തോടുവെട്ടുന്നതിനു സ്ഥലംകൊടുത്ത സ്ഥലം ഉടമസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ അധീനതയിലിരിക്കുന്നോ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

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